

Beaver County Socioeconomic Workshop – 02/07/2011

Identified Areas of Public Interest	
Forestry and Woodland Products:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cedar posts, pine nuts, Christmas trees, and fuelwood are valuable resources that should be maintained and made more available.• Access for these uses should be considered during open, limited and closed route designations. Most of these resources need to be accessed by ATVs.• Consider a variety of focused areas where these activities are allowed.• Must be close enough to be economically feasible for users. Measure economic consequences of these uses throughout the local economy.• Biomass should be made available.
Lands and Realty:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider corridors for new and existing sources of energy.• A streamlined process to designate corridors is needed.• Managing lands with wilderness character should consider utilities, easements and all uses. These uses should be considered before wilderness character designation.• Lands made available for acquisition or disposal need to be coordinated with the County.• To speed up the disposal process, these lands should be included in the RMP process.• Appraisals need to be competitively priced.
Wilderness Character:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future necessary developments, and related access, need to be considered regardless of wilderness character designation.• The County will be amended their County Plan to state they do not approve of new Wild Lands designations.
Wild Horses:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management of wild horses needs to be kept at appropriate levels.• Livestock should be prioritized over wild horses.• Wild horse decision should be made locally.• The number of horses is putting undue pressure on valuable local uses of public land, including water sources.
Livestock Grazing:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to improve dispersal of water for livestock grazing.• Need to identify opportunities for range improvements.• Need to simplify the process for improvements.• All available methods (chemicals, chains, saws, etc.) should be allowed for rangeland treatment and improvement in sagebrush and PJ areas. These help livestock and improves wildlife habitat.
Fire:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire use should continue to be used to support Allotment Management Plans.• Let fires burn. They are beneficial to the landscape.
Noxious Weeds:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noxious weed control needs to be improved. This is a serious problem with consequences to forage conditions.
Renewable Energy:	

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- Land with potential for renewable energy should not be restricted in any form, as long as it fits with multiple use of the land.
- Renewable energy needs to be balanced with other uses.
- ROWs across BLM to private land for renewable energy development should be considered.

Recreation:

- Need to address recreation conflicts and grazing.
- Too many gates are being left open; ATV cattle guards are needed.
- Recreation uses for locals needs to be considered.

Minerals:

- Mineral uses generate a lot of income; all areas should be open for mineral exploration and development.
- Abandoned mines should be a safety priority.

Travel and Transportation:

- No areas should be closed to cross-country travel.
- The County will be amended their County Plan to state they do not approve of travel restrictions.
- Consider only seasonal restrictions on existing routes.